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[Project No. 2354-152]

Georgia Power Company;

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a non-capacity amendment of license for the North Georgia Project and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The licensee proposes to amend the license to replace and upgrade four generating units in the Tugalo powerhouse. The licensee proposes at the Tugalo Development to: remove all turbine components to refurbish and upgrade, replace the existing generators, replace control panels and instrumentation in the control room, balance plant electrical and mechanical systems, upgrade the cooling system, and replace the spillway gates and trash racks. The project is located in the Savannah River basin on the Tallulah, Chattooga, and Tugalo rivers, in Rabun, Habersham, and Stephens counties, Georgia, and Oconee County, South Carolina. The project does not occupy federal lands.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed amendment and concludes that, it would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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